

I am opposed to the total elimination of the code requirement for obtaining an amateur radio license. I believe knowledge of the code is as important as any other knowledge, e. g.; basic regulations, basic electronics, data communications, etc. Code transmission is still the most reliable and efficient form of HF radio communication.

I believe that the current 5 wpm requirement does not block anyone from obtaining an Amateur Radio license, and should be required to operate in the HF bands. At the very least, code proficiency should be required for the Amateur Extra class license.